

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was held at Croydon, on Saturday, June 15th, 1901. The Members and their friends in a large party assembled at Whitgift's Hospital of the Holy Trinity, where, by the kindness of the Warden and Secretary, the original charter of the hospital and its other interesting muniments, its ancient mazers, beechwood drinking bowls, and other curious objects were exhibited. A paper was read by Dr. John M. Hobson, in which the history of the hospital was related and its architectural features described. Points of comparison were also noted between this and other similar institutions. On the conclusion of Dr. Hobson's paper the chapel and some of the rooms were inspected.

From Whitgift's Hospital the party proceeded to the parish church, where Mr. J. Corbet Anderson, the author of *Croydon Church, Past and Present*, described the history of the building and the features of the old church which was burnt down in 1867. This old church had doubtless been the successor of one or more still older buildings, as in the work of rebuilding, which was carried out under the designs of Sir Gilbert Scott in 1870, portions of stone of older work than the destroyed church were found amongst the ruins. The origin of the church is obscure, but is perhaps to be attributed to the streams which formerly surrounded the site and formed tributaries of the River Wandle. In support of this contention, Mr. Anderson mentioned that in the days before churches were built it was customary for Christian missionaries to baptise in streams. The dedication of the church was to St. John the Baptist. In the year 962 Ælfies, a witness of Beorhtric's will, is described as a priest of Crogdæne, so that a church was probably then in existence on this site. The church is mentioned in *Domesday*. In the new church the plan of the old one had been followed. The greater portion of the old tower had been preserved and much of the walls. Mr. Anderson then described the old monuments, all of which had been destroyed or very badly mutilated by the fire. The tomb of Archbishop Whitgift had been restored.

Afterwards a visit was paid to Croydon Palace, which is now, by the gift of the Duke of Newcastle in 1887, the property of the Church Extension Association. By the kindness of the Sister Superior the rooms were thrown open to inspection. A paper on the history of

the Palace, and dealing with a number of interesting events with which it has been associated, was read by Mr. Corbet Anderson.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Hobson kindly entertained the party to tea at their residence.

THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES IN UNION with the Society of Antiquaries was held at Burlington House, on Wednesday, July 10th, 1901. The Society was again represented by Mr. A. Ridley Bax, F.S.A. The circular containing the report of the business transacted was issued to Members with Vol. XVI of the *Collections*.

The Council authorized the Honorary Secretary to obtain copies of the "Classified Index of Archæological Papers published in 1900." This was also issued with Vol. XVI.

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION was held on Wednesday, July 17th, 1901. The Members of the Society and their friends assembled at Dorking, whence Wotton and Holmbury were visited. At Wotton Church a paper was read by Dr. F. R. Fairbank, F.S.A., which will be found printed in the present volume. Leaving the church the party drove to the Crossways Farm, an interesting example of domestic architecture of the Stuart period. This was briefly described by Mr. Ralph Nevill, F.S.A., and by permission of Mr. Cook, the present tenant, was inspected. Dating probably from about 1640, the house is remarkable for having suffered little alteration from its original plan in the succeeding years. From the Crossways Farm the party proceeded to Holmbury St. Mary, where a light luncheon was provided. After luncheon a journey was made on foot to the camp on Holmbury Hill. This was described by Mr. H. E. Malden, M.A., who also gave some interesting particulars of the neighbourhood in the old smuggling days. The substance of Mr. Malden's address will be found elsewhere in this volume. A well preserved flint axe-head of neolithic period, which had been recently found in the neighbourhood on levelling the cricket ground, was exhibited by Mr. B. L. F. Potts. Returning to the foot of the hill, the members again took the carriages and drove to Wotton House, where they were most hospitably received by Mr. W. J. Evelyn, F.S.A. Here they were allowed to wander over the grounds, which were very much as they had been laid out in the time of John Evelyn, the diarist and author of *Sylva*. In the house was arranged a number of very interesting objects. These included the original diary of John Evelyn, his *Hortus Siccus*, several drawings made by him of the house, two of which are by the courtesy of their owner reproduced in this volume, and several family portraits and miniatures. There were relics also of Charles I, in the shape of a lock of his hair and beard, but his prayer book, preserved here, was at the time away on loan to the Glasgow Exhibition. In addition to the family portraits the following pictures, amongst others, were on view in the Picture Gallery, the descriptions being taken from Mr. Evelyn's own catalogue :—

NORTH WALL—UPPER ROW.

- “ A DUTCH DROLLERY ” *Christian von Kovenberg.*
 Bought by John Evelyn, in Holland, 1st September, 1641. (See Diary.)
 “ SLEEPING CUPID ” *After Guido.*
 Presented to John Evelyn by the Earl of Godolphin.
 “ FLIGHT INTO EGYPT ” *Susanna Evelyn, after Barrocio.*
 “ MARRIAGE OF ST. CATHERINE ” *Carlo Maratti, after Correggio—1646.*
 “ REASON SUBMITTING TO FAITH ” *Carlo Maratti—1646.*
 “ ADORATION OF THE MAGI ” *Paul Veronese.*

NORTH WALL—LOWER ROW.

- “ VIEWS OF LONDON ”—1660
 “ VIEW OF WESTMINSTER ”—1660
 “ JOHN EVELYN ” (Author of *Sylva*)—Age 20 *Vanderborcht—1640.*
 THE SAME—Age 27 *Walker—1640.*
 THE SAME—Age 68 *Sir Godfrey Kneller—1689.*

WEST WALL.

- “ VIEWS OF PARIS ”—1650
 “ ARCH OF SEPTIMUS SEVERUS, ROME ”—1646.
 “ COLISEUM, ROME ”—1646.

EAST WALL.

- “ VIEW OF DUBLIN ” *Dahl—1690.*

The objects of interest in the house and grounds were pointed out by Mr. Evelyn, and before leaving a hearty vote of thanks to him for his kind courtesy was proposed by Mr. Nevill.

On returning to Dorking the party partook of a cold collation at the White Horse Hotel.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, in accordance with Rule XIII, to receive and consider the Report of Council, the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities, to the 31st of December, 1901, and to elect officers, was held at the Castle Arch, Guildford, on Saturday, the 15th of March, 1902, at 3 p.m. The President, Viscount MIDLETON, in the chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted.

The Honorary Secretary then read the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1901.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Lord Farrer, it was resolved: “That the Balance-sheet and Statement of Assets and Liabilities be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes.”

The Chairman then requested the Honorary Secretary to read the Report of Council for 1901.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has much pleasure in submitting this, its Forty-seventh Annual Report, together with the Cash Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the 31st of December, 1901.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING of the Society was held at Croydon, on Saturday, June 15th, when a programme prepared with the kind co-operation of the Croydon Antiquities Protection Committee was carried out. Whitgift's Hospital of the Holy Trinity, the Parish Church, and the old Archiepiscopal Palace were visited.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held on Wednesday, July 17th, the meeting place being Dorking, whence Wotton Church, the Crossways Farm, the Camp on Holmbury Hill, and Wotton House were visited.

The Council takes this opportunity of returning the thanks of the Society to all who assisted in rendering the meetings successful.

The publication of the Annual Volume of the Society's *Collections* (Vol. XVI) has been unavoidably delayed, but will now very shortly be issued to all Members whose subscriptions to the year 1901 inclusive are not in arrear. In this volume will be found valuable papers by Mr. F. A. H. Lambert, F.S.A., Mr. H. E. Malden, M.A., the late Mr. J. Lewis André, F.S.A., Mr. Philip Norman, Treas.S.A., Mr. A. Ridley Bax, F.S.A., and Mr. Philip M. Johnston. With the addition of the appendices the Catalogue of Church Plate is now brought to its conclusion by the Rev. T. S. Cooper, M.A., F.S.A.

Owing to the elaborate nature and length of some of the papers contained in this volume, the cost of printing and illustrating is likely to prove considerably in excess of what had been anticipated. It is hoped that the importance of these papers will procure the volume an extended sale outside the Society, and thus justify the increased cost. The Council, however, although it sees no reason to fear but that the financial position of the Society will enable it to continue to issue a complete and bound volume of the *Collections* annually to members, feels that it would be unwise to again issue a volume on quite so expensive a scale until the numbers of the Society are very largely increased. At the same time, the Council is glad to report that the number of members during the past year continues to show a steady, if gradual, increase.

The Work at Waverley Abbey last season commenced early in May, and continued without interruption until the middle of December, with results far more interesting and satisfactory than had been anticipated. Much time was spent in filling in and levelling the excavations of previous seasons; this was both expensive and uninteresting, but had to be done before further excavations were permitted by the owner. Later, the rest of the church was examined, the foundations of the Pulpitum and portions belonging to the monks' stalls being amongst the discoveries. The most important work, however, has been to the west of that portion of the cellarium which is still in evidence. Here the foundations of the Lay Brothers' Infirmary Hall, measuring roughly

94 feet by 41 feet, were unearthed, with the bases of the pillars of the north and south arcades *in situ* and for the most part in excellent condition. Other portions of this block of buildings, including the kitchen, were also excavated. Next season should see an end to the work here, provided sufficient labourers are obtainable and funds are forthcoming. Unfortunately there is at present a serious deficit in the Excavation Fund, and unless this can be considerably reduced by further donations, the debt must continue for some years to hamper the Society's work in other directions.

Early in the year, as the members of the Society were then informed, the Council took the occasion of the request made by the Surrey County Council for returns of all records in the custody of the parish councils and parish meetings of the county, to issue an appeal to all the clergy and parish authorities of Surrey to assist in making the return as complete as possible. The Council has been glad to discover from the correspondence, that the issue of this appeal has called forth, evidence of a fairly general interest taken in this subject throughout the county. The Report of the Committee of His Majesty's Treasury, appointed to make recommendations as to the best method of preserving local records, is still awaited, and in the meantime the Council takes this opportunity of again urging members to help in keeping this important question to the fore in their respective parishes.

Among the losses by death the Council has to deplore those of Sir Cuthbert Peek, Bart., M.A., F.S.A., a Vice-President of the Society ; of J. Lewis André, Esq., F.S.A., a constant contributor to the *Collections*, and well known to members for the active part taken by him in recent years at meetings of the Society ; and of H. F. Napper, Esq., one of the first members of the Society, and an occasional contributor to the *Collections*.

The Right Hon. Lord Farrer and the Right Hon. Lord Alverstone, Lord Chief Justice of England, having been elected members of the Society, have been appointed Vice-Presidents.

A. P. Boyson, Esq., having ceased to reside in the county, has resigned his seat on the Council ; the vacancy has been filled by the due election of the Rev. Gerald S. Davies, M.A., of the Charterhouse, Godalming.

The following members of Council retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz. : A. Ridley Bax, Esq., F.S.A. ; the Very Rev. R. M. Blakiston, M.A., F.S.A. ; George Curling, Esq. ; Rev. G. S. Davies, M.A. ; W. E. St. L. Finny, Esq., M.B. ; S. W. Kershaw, Esq., M.A., F.S.A. ; F. A. H. Lambert, Esq., F.S.A. ; H. E. Malden, Esq., M.A.

The number of members is 400, viz. : Annual, 305 ; Life, 94 ; Honorary, 1. During the year 31 new members have been elected, viz. : 27 Annual and 4 Life. By death the Society has lost 9 members, viz. : 6 Annual, 3 Life. By resignation, 5 members. Total, 14. Gain over loss, 17.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Lord Farrer, it was resolved : "That the Report of Council for 1901 be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes."

The following gentlemen were re-elected Members of Council :—
 A. Ridley Bax, Esq., F.S.A. ; George Curling, Esq. ; Rev. G. S. Davies, M.A. ; W. E. St. L. Finny, Esq., M.B. ; S. W. Kershaw, Esq., M.A., F.S.A. ; F. A. H. Lambert, Esq., F.S.A. ; H. E. Malden, Esq., M.A. W. Bruce Bannerman, Esq., F.S.A., was elected a Member of Council in the place of the Very Rev. R. M. Blakiston, M.A., F.S.A.

Moved, seconded and carried, "That the thanks of the Society be given to the President, Council and Officers of the Society for their services during the past year."

Mr. M. S. Giuseppi was re-elected Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Thomas Howse Honorary Librarian, with votes of thanks for their services in the past year.

Thanks were also passed to the auditors, Mr. W. F. Potter and Mr. Cecil T. Davis, who were re-appointed.

At the request of the Chairman, the Rev. T. S. Cooper explained the work that had been done during the last year at Waverley Abbey, and read passages from a letter, written by Mr. Harold Breakspear, expressing that gentleman's satisfaction at the great general interest and valuable results of the excavations.

On the motion of Mr. R. Garraway Rice, seconded by Mr. E. W. Brabrook, C.B., it was resolved : "That the sum of fifteen pounds be voted from the funds of the Society during the present year towards the expenses of the excavations at Waverley Abbey."

On the motion of Dr. W. E. St. L. Finny, seconded by Mr. Ralph Nevill, it was resolved : "That this Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archæological Society has heard with pleasure that it is proposed to hold a celebration at Kingston-upon-Thames of the Millenary of the Coronation of King Edward the Elder in that town, and desires that the Council of the Society will support the proposition of the Mayor and Corporation by appointing a deputation to assist in carrying out the necessary arrangements for the celebration."

On the motion of Mr. Nevill, seconded by Lord Farrer, it was resolved : "That this Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archæological Society welcomes the announcement that it is proposed to found a Society for printing the Parish Registers of Surrey, and requests the Council to help in the work as far as it may be able."

Mr. Nevill exhibited portions of an ancient urn which had been dug up at Hallams, near Guildford, and presented by the owner of the estate, Mr. C. D. Hodgson, to the Society. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hodgson for his kindness.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Lord Farrer, seconded by Dr. Finny, and carried unanimously, terminated the proceedings.

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